

The LECs should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: When I attempted to register my small business's email address with Bell, it was rejected because it had the letter sequence "mci" in it. MCI, of course is a Bell competitor.

Unfortunately, this letter sequence appears in my name, McIver. After a fruitless appeal and endless runaround with Bell, I resolved the problem by obtaining service with an independant provider.

Elimination of the independant provider will only assure that my absurd experience with Bell becomes the rule more than the exception.